

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 677** HLS 24RS 423

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Revisions to Louisiana Election Code - Omnibus Bill	

ELECTION CODE OR INCREASE GF RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
Makes revisions to the system of laws providing for elections

Proposed law makes various revisions to the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18)

Proposed law extends the penalty for failure to file to political action committees that fail to file or timely file the required statement of organization. The penalty is \$100 per day, not to exceed \$2,500, for political committees designated as the principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee for a candidate for major office; \$60 per day, not to exceed \$2,000, for political committees designated as the principal campaign committee or subsidiary committee for a candidate of a district office; \$40 per day, not to exceed \$1,000, for political committees supporting or opposing a candidate for all other offices, propositions or questions submitted to the voters, or any recall of a public officer; and, \$200 per day, not to exceed \$3,000, for a political committee supporting or opposing a candidate but is not the principal or subsidiary campaign committee.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides for various technical and clarifying changes for the Department of State and extends the penalty for failure to file to political action committees who fail to file or timely file the required statement of organization.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an increase in SGF revenues as a result of extending the civil penalty for failure to file to political action committees that fail to file or timely file the required statement of organization. The Board of Ethics may impose fines for failure to file or timely file the required statement of organization but the agency is unable to predict the amount of fines that may be imposed, thus any increase in revenue is indeterminable.

NOTE: Penalties and fines imposed for the violation of these provisions are considered income not available to the Ethics Administration; thereby, accrue to the State General Fund.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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